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Belmont Zoning Board of Appeals
Office of Community Development
Homer Municipal Building
19 Moore Street
Belmont, MA 02478

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Re: Case No. 14-14

Thank you for your invitation to attend the public hearing on July 9 to consider the application of Ulrich Klingbeil and Elizabeth Reed of 32 Hammond Road. I am extremely disappointed that I am not able to attend because I have a strong opinion about this and similar matters concerning our town. I would like my letter read into the public record pertaining to this hearing.

Belmont is still a beautiful town in spite of the excessive overuse of its postage-stamp lots; but enough is enough. Appeals for expansion have resulted in eyesores, noise, traffic, and a burden on land which was never suitable for recent uses. Churches were torn down and replaced with multi-family dwellings. Beautifully-proportioned homes were torn down or moved and replaced with MacMansions. Unsightly additions are being slapped on to modest and simple houses. In my own neighborhood a Royal Barry Wills bungalow was re-constructed beyond all recognition of the priceless and historic building it once was.

A deck and hot tub would be a marvelous source of enjoyment for the Klingbeil/Reed family--something many of us would enjoy having on our property--but not at the expense of our neighbors and our town. I'm sorry if I seem to be un-neighborly, but I strongly oppose this application and will oppose ALL future applications for expansion, unless, of course, it is for the purpose of making a house and yard handicap accessible.

Thanking you for your consideration, I remain

Very truly yours,

Wm Carey